

Good Shepherd Lutheran Church

Second Sunday after Epiphany

9:30 AM

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Welcome to Good Shepherd!

- You are in the right place! If you have any questions or need anything, please feel free to ask an usher or the pastor and we will be glad to help.
- Please sign in. Pew Pads are located at the end of each pew. Please sign in and pass them down to the end of the row. If you are a visitor, please include contact information - you will receive a single email/note from Pastor Kate but don't worry - we won't send you further emails unless you wish!
- You are invited to write a prayer request on the white podium situated at the entrance to the worship space which will be included and spoken in worship today, or share a prayer request inside the pew pads.
- There is one gender-neutral bathroom located on this level. Additional restrooms are located downstairs.

Children in Worship

Children (and their noise and wiggles) are always welcome in worship and are an important part of our church. But, if you need a break, the service audio is played in the lounge, and there is a nursery located downstairs. Changing rooms are located in the downstairs bathrooms. There are worship bags and books for children located in the back of the sanctuary. During the school year, Sunday School is held during the 10:45 AM worship service, for ages 3 - 12th grade. If you have questions about Sunday School, First Communion, or Confirmation classes, please contact Denise Steene at education@gslutheran.net

Good Shepherd's Statement of Welcome

Good Shepherd Lutheran Church invites you on a journey of faith. We welcome the participation of all ages, races, religious backgrounds, sexual orientations, gender identities, socioeconomic, marital, and family statuses, abilities, political affiliations, and national origins. Ministry is strengthened by diversity, and we welcome all in worship, fellowship, learning, and service. You are a child of God; you are welcome here.

GATHERING

The Holy Spirit calls us together as the people of God.

PRELUDE

Prelude in B flat major

Jacques-Nicolas Lemmens

THANKSGIVING FOR BAPTISM

Blessed be the holy Trinity, ☩ one God, the fountain of living water, the rock who gave us birth, our light and our salvation.

Amen.

Joined to Christ in the waters of baptism, we are clothed with God's mercy and forgiveness.

Let us give thanks for the gift of baptism.

We give you thanks, O God, for in the beginning your Spirit moved over the waters and by your Word you created the world, calling forth life in which you took delight.

Through the waters of the flood you delivered Noah and his family. Through the sea you led your people Israel from slavery into freedom. At the river your Son was baptized by John and anointed with the Holy Spirit. By water and your Word you claim us as daughters and sons, making us heirs of your promise and servants of all.

We praise you for the gift of water that sustains life, and above all we praise you for the gift of new life in Jesus Christ. Shower us with your Spirit, and renew our lives with your forgiveness, grace, and love.

To you be given honor and praise through Jesus Christ our Lord in the unity of the Holy Spirit, now and forever.
Amen.

GATHERING HYMN

Listen God Is Calling

ELW 513 (red book)

GREETING

The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, the love of God,
and the communion of the Holy Spirit be with you all.
And also with you.

CANTICLE OF PRAISE



1 Glo-ry be to God in heav-en; peace, good-will to all the earth.
2 Glo-ry be to Christ for - ev - er, Lamb of God and Lord of love.
3 Ho - ly One we now ac-claim you; Lord a - lone, to you we call;



Might-y God of all cre - a - tion, Fa - ther of sur - pass - ing worth:
Son of God and gra - cious Sav - ior, you have come from heav'n a - bove;
Ho - ly One in faith we name you, God most high, yet near to all:



we ex - alt you, we a - dore you, we lift high our thanks and praise.
on the cross you died to save us; now you reign at God's right hand.
Je - sus Christ, with God the Spir - it, in the Fa - ther's splen - dor bright.



Saints and an - gels bow be - fore you; here on earth our songs we raise.
Hear our prayer; re - store, for - give us; in your prom - ise firm we stand.
For the peace that we in - her - it, glo - ry be to God on high!

PRAYER OF THE DAY

Let us pray,
Thanks be to you, Lord Jesus Christ, most merciful redeemer, for the countless blessings and benefits you give.
May we know you more clearly, love you more dearly, and follow you more nearly, day by day praising you,
with the Father and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. **Amen.**

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

Please sign the pew pad and pass it down so that all in your pew can sign in. Before or after the service, and during the sharing of the peace, we invite you to get to know those near you in worship.

BAPTISM OF BRYNN CATHERINE SMALL

Today we celebrate with this family as they bring their child to the font. Called by the Holy Spirit, trusting in the grace and love of God, do you desire to have your child, Brynn, baptized into Christ?

Parents: *We do.*

As you bring Brynn to receive the gift of baptism, you are entrusted with responsibilities:

To live with her among God's faithful people,
bring her to the word of God and the holy supper,
teach her the Lord's Prayer, the Creed, and the Ten Commandments,
place in her hands the holy scriptures, and nurture him in faith and prayer,
so that she may learn to trust God, proclaim Christ through word and deed,
care for others and the world God made, and work for justice and peace.

Andrew and Emily, do you promise to help Brynn grow in the Christian faith and life?

Parents: We do.

Sponsors, do you promise to support Andrew and Emily, and to nurture Brynn in the Christian faith?

Sponsors: We do.

People of God, do you promise to support Brynn and pray for her in her new life in Christ?

All: We do.

I ask you to profess your faith in Christ Jesus, reject sin, and confess the faith of the church.

Do you renounce the devil and all the forces that defy God,
the powers of this world that rebel against God,
and the ways of sin that draw you from God?

Parents: We renounce them.

People of God, Do you believe in God the Father?

**I believe in God, the Father almighty,
creator of heaven and earth.**

Do you believe in Jesus Christ, the Son of God?

**I believe in Jesus Christ, God's only Son, our Lord,
who was conceived by the Holy Spirit,
born of the virgin Mary,
suffered under Pontius Pilate,
was crucified, died, and was buried;
he descended to the dead.
On the third day he rose again;
he ascended into heaven,
he is seated at the right hand of the Father,
and he will come to judge the living and the dead.**

Do you believe in God the Holy Spirit?

**I believe in the Holy Spirit,
the holy catholic church,
the communion of saints,
the forgiveness of sins,
the resurrection of the body,
and the life everlasting.**

Brynn Catherine Small, I baptize you in the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit. **Amen.**

Let us pray. We give you thanks, O God, that through water and the Holy Spirit you give your daughters and sons new birth, cleanse them from sin, and raise them to eternal life.

Sustain Brynn with the gift of your Holy Spirit: the spirit of wisdom and understanding, the spirit of counsel and might, the spirit of knowledge and the fear of the Lord, the spirit of joy in your presence, both now and forever.

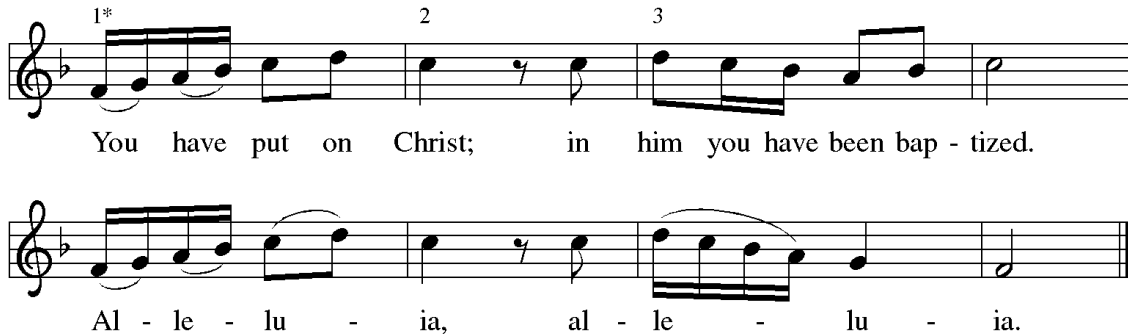
Brynn, child of God, you have been sealed by the Holy Spirit and marked with the cross of Christ forever. **Amen.**

Brynn, let your light so shine before others that they may see your good works and give glory to God in heaven.
The newly baptized are presented with a candle.

Let us welcome Brynn, our newest sister in Christ:

We welcome you into the body of Christ! Join us in giving thanks and praise to God and bearing God's word to all the world.

ELW 211: You Have Put On Christ (sing 3 times)



** May be sung in two or three part canon.*

Text: International Commission on English in the Liturgy

Music: Howard Hughes, b. 1930

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WORD

God speaks to us in scripture reading, preaching, and song.

FIRST READING: 1 Samuel 3:1-10

A reading from 1 Samuel.

¹Now the boy Samuel was ministering to the LORD under Eli. The word of the LORD was rare in those days; visions were not widespread.

²At that time Eli, whose eyesight had begun to grow dim so that he could not see, was lying down in his room; ³the lamp of God had not yet gone out, and Samuel was lying down in the temple of the LORD, where the ark of God was. ⁴Then the LORD called, "Samuel! Samuel!" and he said, "Here I am!" ⁵and ran to Eli, and said, "Here I am, for you called me." But Eli said, "I did not call; lie down again." So Samuel went and lay down. ⁶The LORD called again, "Samuel!" Samuel got up and went to Eli, and said, "Here I am, for you called me." But Eli said, "I did not call, my son; lie down again." ⁷Now Samuel did not yet know the LORD, and the word of the LORD had not yet been revealed to him. ⁸The LORD called Samuel again, a third time. And he got up and went to Eli, and said, "Here I am, for you called me." Then Eli perceived that the LORD was calling the boy. ⁹Therefore Eli said to Samuel, "Go, lie down; and if the LORD calls you, you shall say, 'Speak, LORD, for your servant is listening.'" So Samuel went and lay down in his place.

¹⁰Now the LORD came and stood there, calling as before, "Samuel! Samuel!" And Samuel said, "Speak, for your servant is listening."

The word of the Lord. **Thanks be to God.**

PSALM: Psalm 139:1-6, 13-18

We will read from Psalm 139 responsively.

¹LORD, you have searched me out;

O LORD, you have known me.

²You know my sitting down and my rising up;

you discern my thoughts from afar.

³You trace my journeys and my resting-places

and are acquainted with all my ways.

⁴Indeed, there is not a word on my lips,
but you, O LORD, know it altogether.

⁵You encompass me, behind and before,
and lay your hand upon me.

⁶Such knowledge is too wonderful for me;
it is so high that I cannot attain to it.

¹³For you yourself created my inmost parts;
you knit me together in my mother's womb.

¹⁴I will thank you because I am marvelously made;
your works are wonderful, and I know it well.

¹⁵My body was not hidden from you,
while I was being made in secret and woven in the depths of the earth.

¹⁶Your eyes beheld my limbs, yet unfinished in the womb; all of them were written in your book;
my days were fashioned before they came to be.

¹⁷How deep I find your thoughts, O God!
How great is the sum of them!

¹⁸If I were to count them, they would be more in number than the sand;
to count them all, my life span would need to be like yours.

SECOND READING: 1 Corinthians 6:12-20

A reading from 1 Corinthians.

¹²"All things are lawful for me," but not all things are beneficial. "All things are lawful for me," but I will not be dominated by anything. ¹³"Food is meant for the stomach and the stomach for food," and God will destroy both one and the other. The body is meant not for fornication but for the Lord, and the Lord for the body. ¹⁴And God raised the Lord and will also raise us up by divine power. ¹⁵Do you not know that your bodies are parts of the body of Christ? Should I therefore take parts of the body of Christ and make them parts of a prostitute? Never! ¹⁶Do you not know that whoever is united to a prostitute becomes one body with that prostitute? For it is said, 'The two shall be one flesh.' ¹⁷But anyone united to the Lord becomes one spirit with the Lord. ¹⁸Shun fornication! Every sin that a person commits is outside the body; but the fornicator sins against the body itself. ¹⁹Or do you not know that your body is a temple of the Holy Spirit within you, which you have from God, and that you are not your own? ²⁰For you were bought with a price; therefore glorify God in your body. The word of the Lord. **Thanks be to God.**

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION



GOSPEL: John 1:43-51

The holy gospel according to John. **Glory to you, O Lord.**

⁴³The next day Jesus decided to go to Galilee. He found Philip and said to him, "Follow me." ⁴⁴Now Philip was from Bethsaida, the city of Andrew and Peter. ⁴⁵Philip found Nathanael and said to him, "We have found the one about whom Moses in the law and also the prophets wrote, Jesus son of Joseph from Nazareth."

⁴⁶Nathanael said to Philip, "Can anything good come out of Nazareth?" Philip said to him, "Come and see."

⁴⁷When Jesus saw Nathanael coming toward him, he said of him, "Here is truly an Israelite in whom there is no deceit!" ⁴⁸Nathanael asked Jesus, "Where did you get to know me?" Jesus answered, "I saw you under the fig tree before Philip called you." ⁴⁹Nathanael replied, "Rabbi, you are the Son of God! You are the King of Israel!"

⁵⁰Jesus answered, "Do you believe because I told you that I saw you under the fig tree? You will see greater things than these." ⁵¹And Jesus said to him, "Very truly, I tell you, you will see heaven opened and the angels of God ascending and descending upon the Son-of-Man."

The gospel of the Lord. **Praise to you, O Christ.**

SERMON

Pastor Kate Costa

HYMN OF THE DAY

Here I am

ELW 574 (red book)

PRAYERS OF INTERCESSION

Each petition will end with "God of grace", and the response will be **"receive our prayer."**

PEACE

The peace of Christ be with you always.

And also with you.

MEAL

God feeds us with the presence of Jesus Christ.

OFFERING INSTRUCTIONS

The offering is a gift of thanks which is used to support the ministries of the church locally and globally.

Please feel free to put cash/checks/online giving cards in the offering plate or donate here:

www.gslutheran.net/give

CHOIR ANTHEM:

Love Divine, All Loves Excelling

arr. David Maurand

OFFERING SONG

Let the Vineyards be Fruitful



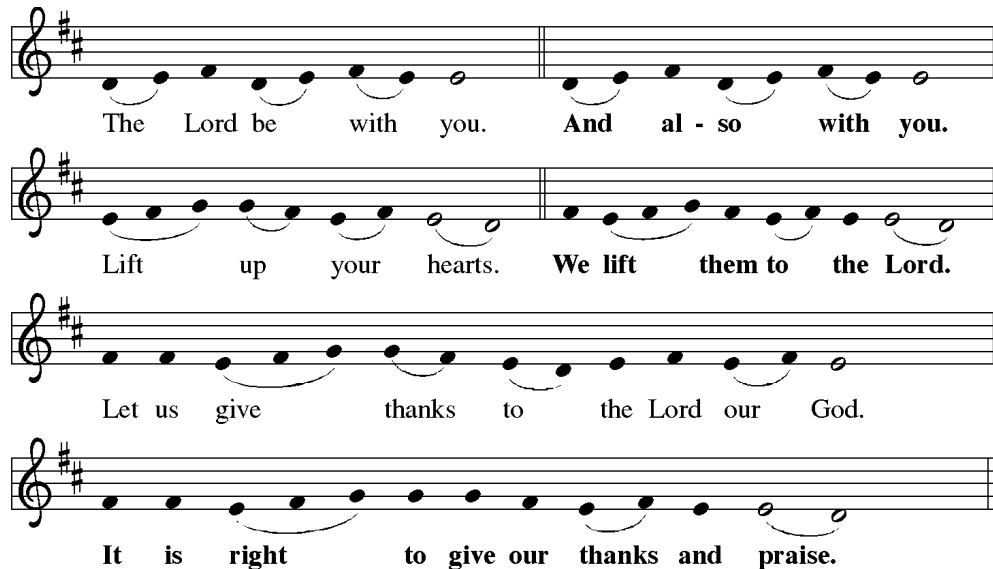
Let the vine - yards be fruit - ful, Lord, and fill to the brim our cup of
bless - ing. Gath - er a har - vest from the seeds that were sown, that we may be
fed with the bread of life. Gath - er the hopes and the dreams of all; u -
nite them with the prayers we of - fer now. Grace our ta - ble with your
pres - ence, and give us a fore - taste of the feast to come.

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Music: Richard W. Hillert, b. 1923
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OFFERING PRAYER

Blessed are you, O God, ruler of heaven and earth. Day by day you shower us with blessings. As you have raised us to new life in Christ, give us glad and generous hearts, ready to praise you and to respond to those in need, through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord. **Amen.**

GREAT THANKSGIVING



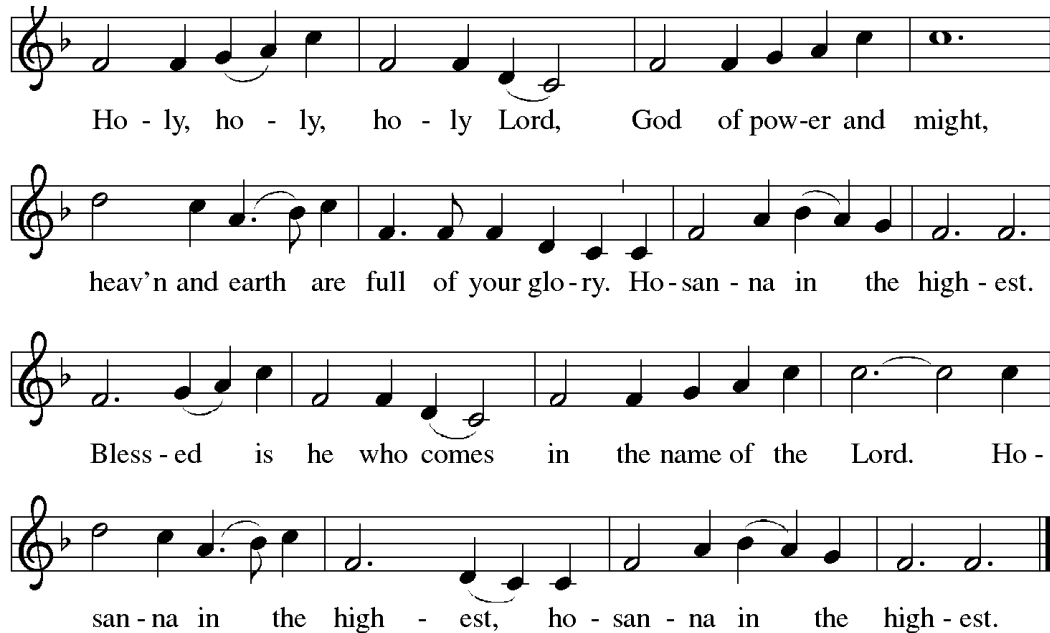
The Lord be with you. And al - so with you.
Lift up your hearts. We lift them to the Lord.
Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.
It is right to give our thanks and praise.

It is indeed right, our duty and our joy, that we should at all times and in all places give thanks and praise to you, almighty and merciful God, through our Savior Jesus Christ.

By the leading of a star he was shown forth to all nations; in the waters of the Jordan you proclaimed him your beloved Son; and in the miracle of water turned to wine he revealed your glory.

And so, with all the choirs of angels, with the church on earth and the hosts of heaven, we praise your name and join their unending hymn:

HOLY, HOLY, HOLY



Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly Lord, God of pow-er and might,
heav'n and earth are full of your glo-ry. Ho-san - na in the high - est.
Bless - ed is he who comes in the name of the Lord. Ho -
san - na in the high - est, ho - san - na in the high - est.

THANKSGIVING AT THE TABLE

In the night in which he was betrayed, our Lord Jesus took bread, and gave thanks; broke it, and gave it to his disciples, saying: Take and eat; this is my body, given for you.

Do this for the remembrance of me.

Again, after supper, he took the cup, gave thanks, and gave it for all to drink, saying: This cup is the new covenant in my blood, shed for you and for all people for the forgiveness of sin.

Do this for the remembrance of me.

LORD'S PRAYER

Gathered into one by the Holy Spirit, let us pray as Jesus taught us.

Our Father, who art in heaven,

hallowed be thy name,

thy kingdom come,

thy will be done,

on earth as it is in heaven.

Give us this day our daily bread;

and forgive us our trespasses,

as we forgive those

who trespass against us;

and lead us not into temptation,

but deliver us from evil.

For thine is the kingdom,

and the power, and the glory,

forever and ever. Amen.

INVITATION TO COMMUNION

In this meal, righteousness and peace meet together.

Come, take your place at the table. **Amen.**

COMMUNION INSTRUCTIONS

This is Christ's table, and all are welcome here! An usher will direct you to the communion rail where you may kneel or stand. You will first receive the bread (gluten-free wafers are available) and then take a glass of wine or grape juice from the tray. Please remain at the rail until the blessing is said, and then return to your seat by the outside aisle. If you (or your child) do not yet commune, please let the pastor know and they will share a blessing. Children may commune at any age; we offer communion instruction for those in the second grade or older.

LAMB OF GOD



1 O Lamb of God, you bear the sin of all the world a - way;

2 O Lamb of God, you bear the sin of all the world a - way;

3 O Lamb of God, you bear the sin of all the world a - way;



you suf-fered death our lives to save: have mer-cy now, we pray.

you set us free from guilt and grave: have mer-cy now, we pray.

e - ter-nal peace with God you made: give us your peace, we pray.

COMMUNION HYMNS

*We are Called
Will You Come Follow Me*

ELW 720 (red book)
ELW 798

PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION

We give you thanks, almighty God, that you have refreshed us through the healing power of this gift of life. In your mercy, strengthen us through this gift, in faith toward you and in fervent love toward one another; for the sake of Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

SENDING

God blesses us and sends us in mission to the world.

BLESSING

God who names you, Christ who claims you, and the Holy Spirit who dwells in you,
✠ bless you and remain with you always.
Amen.

SENDING SONG

In Christ Called to Baptize

ELW 575 (red book)

DISMISSAL

Go in peace. You are God's beloved.
Thanks be to God.

POSTLUDE

Two Variations on "St. Denio"

Christa Rakich

Two instrumental variations on the melody of today's closing hymn.

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